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WEST ALLIS NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL

Wrestlers Send Two to State Meet

After a regular-season conference title, the wrestlers were primed for success at the regional meet. Coach Randy Ferrell's squad finished just shy of qualifying for the team sectional, placing second at the event. Of the dozen qualifiers for sectionals, a pair qualified for the state meet.

At 138 pounds, senior **Andy Moyle** qualified through the sectional. He met Trevor Koehler of Kaukauna in the first round, picking up a 12-4 major decision. His quest for a state title came to an end in the second round, losing to Waukesha West's Nate Hettinga in a tight contest, 4-1.

Moyle had a chance to achieve a state placement through the consolation round, picking up a hard-fought 4-3 win over Verona's Eric Schmidt. One more win would guarantee Moyle

a place. It was not to be however, as he had to face the defending state champion, Adam Dye of Arrowhead, a victim of a second-round upset. Dye pinned Moyle, but it didn't take away from Moyle's strong season. He finished the year with a 36-9 record.

Senior **Jack Allen** also qualified for state, participating in the 170 pound division. His tournament was shorter than Moyle's, but that didn't take away from his strong season. Allen lost to Oregon's Eric Walsh, 12-2 in the first round. He fell to Sheboygan North's Aaron Rothwell, 17-5, in the consolation round. He still finished with a 38-9 record on the season.

The two wrestlers at state capped a strong season for the team. Nathan Hale qualified 13 wrestlers for the sectional round. In addition to the wins at the sectional round by Moyle and



Andy Moyle

Allen, **Taylor Tomczak** finished second at the 160-pound class. Additional qualifiers to the sectional round were:

Jon Baltz — 106 lbs.
Trevor Kruzick — 113 lbs.
Luke Ellis — 120 lbs.
Jeffrey Schubert — 126 lbs.
Josh Petrovic — 132 lbs.
Micho Gruichich — 145 lbs.
Logan Mocco — 152 lbs.
Andrew Buelow — 182 lbs.
Ryan Vankerkvoorde — 285 lbs.

Girls Basketball Advances in WIAA Tournament

Senior **Erin Barbeau** scored a team high 11 points to lead the Nathan Hale girls basketball team to a 50-41 win over the Milwaukee Madison/Northwest co-op to earn a berth in the second round of the Whitefish Bay sectional.

Hale rallied from a 21-16 halftime deficit with a strong third quarter. The nine-point win also was fuelled by a 10-point effort from

Sarah Mueller and nine points from **Katie Swofford**. **Jazzmin King** and **Jennifer Stawicki** added seven points each.

The Huskies will visit top-seed Pius IX in the second round at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 9 at Pius IX's gymnasium.

The win was the team's fifth of the season, the most since the 2008 campaign.



Gymnasts Send Two to State Tournament

The West Allis combined gymnastics team recently finished a strong competitive year, scoring as high as it ever has as a team. While it didn't qualify as a team to state, the squad is primed for a state run next year as it returns the majority of its varsity team.

The gymnasts finished third in the North Shore Conference meet, finishing behind eventual Division 2 state champion Whitefish Bay and state participant Homestead.

Junior **Sarah Quesnell** was the conference champion on uneven bars, scoring 9.425. Fellow junior **Emily Fuchs** was the conference champion on balance beam, winning with a 9.400 score.

At the sectional meet, West Allis combined scored a season high score of 140.750, finishing third at the Homestead regional, with the top two teams qualifying for state. West Allis finished just 0.55 points out of state qualifying.

Fuchs and Quesnell each qualified for the All-Around at

state, taking first and second respectively at the sectional. Fuchs scored a 37.400 in the All-Around and Quesnell scored 36.850. In addition, Fuchs won balance beam and vault, while, Quesnell won uneven bars.

Junior **Kori Huddleston**, freshman **Haley Gagliano** and freshman **Gabby Rabb** also competed at sectionals, helping the team to its highest score of the year. The team was without senior **Katie O'Hara** was unavailable for the final few meets as a result of a season-ending injury.

At the state meet, Quesnell was looking to defend her state all-around title from a year ago and Fuchs was looking to improve on her placement. The two were in a very deep field which included strong gymnasts from Franklin and Burlington.

In the end, Fuchs finished sixth with a 36.234 all-around score. Quesnell, who was battling nagging injuries, was eighth with a 35.966. The winning score was a 37.350, posted by freshman Bailey Fitzpatrick from Burlington/Badger/Catholic



Emily Fuchs

Memorial/Wilmot.

The West Allis duo also competed on individual events.

Fuchs was close to a state title on vault, placing second with a 9.467, less than two tenths behind the winner.

"Her vault was a thing of beauty," head coach John Glass said.

Fuchs was fifth on balance beam with a 9.167 and was 20th on uneven bars. Quesnell was fifth on uneven bars with a 9.083 and ninth on floor with a 9.133.

"Sarah was a fighter today, overcoming pain on some tough landings," Glass said. "We'll be a

Cheer Team Takes Second at State Meet

The Nathan Hale Cheer Team took second place at State Championship meet held in Madison on February 25 in the non-stunt division. They finished nine points ahead of third-place La Crosse Logan and trailed first-place Oregon by 23 points.

The cheer team qualified for the state meet with a third-place finish at regionals.

Members of the team are:

Jazmine Agnello
Alyssa Bayer
Migdalia Burdette
Itavia Collins
Brenna Kerr
Lakota Lenz
Katie Ostrowski
Brooke Niermann
Ericka Stehr
Candace Stingley
Jamais Taylor
Ali Walder
Crystal Wegener



Poms Place at State, Perform at Disney World

The West Allis Nathan Hale poms team capped their competitive season on a strong note placing sixth in the kick routines competition and eighth at the pom competitions on February 4 in La Crosse.

In addition to the success of the team, a pair of individuals were named to the All-State Division 1 dance team. **Sammy Jo Roebke** and **Amanda Westphal** were named to the all-state team, which was comprised of 15 members.

In addition, 14 team members

took part in the Badgerette Disney All-Star Tour on February 16-20. Those attending certainly created memories to last a lifetime.

Members of the pom poms team are:

Alie Biltz
Desiree Calderon
Anjelika Chevremont
Rachel Chojnacki
Ciarra Gilbert
Jakie Holliday
Trisha Huberty
Erica Jansen

Amanda Jensen
Alexis Klescewski
Kiley Larson
Abby Logan
Teara Morganroth
Emily Navarette
Chayna Regalia
Alison Reiss
Sammy Jo Roebke
Molly Slattey
Stephanie Spicer
Claire Steiner
Jean Tooher
Aimee Waraxa
Amanda Westphal
Ashley Westphal



Boys' Basketball Finishes Year with Five Victories

The boys' basketball team picked up five wins on the year, the most wins since the 2007 season. The team started the year with a win over St. Francis. A pair of wins in the Nathan Hale Holiday tournament boosted the team at mid season. Late season wins over Cudahy and Delvan-Darien concluded the year.

In the WIAA tournament, the team played at Milwaukee Bradley Tech in the first round. Despite scoring a season-high 77 points, as a team, the squad came up short.

Junior **Travis Balczerzak** led the team with a 13.6 points per game average. Junior **Derek Waller** was second on the team with a 10.9 per game scoring average.

Additional members of the boys varsity team include: **Steve Acker, Arthur Arena, Jacob Geiger, Peter Heal, Jordan Hemmings, Don Johnson, John Johnson, Steve Kopet, Luke Langer, Dan Sotiros, Nick Sotiros and Nathan Willkomm.**

Bowling Advances to State Tournament

The West Allis Nathan Hale varsity bowling team returned to the state championship meet, finishing fourth of 25 teams at the conference tournament in Waukesha on February 11.

The team earned the right to compete at the state tournament, competing in Appleton on March 3.

Members of the varsity bowling team are: **Allen Cogan, Ryan Dieter, Shaina French, Henry Lemmermann, Austin Cutting, John Archer, Jason Gallitz and Jake Sberna.**

In addition to the conference and state meets, varsity bowlers competed in the district scholarship tournament. Senior **Allen Cogan**, the captain on the varsity team, placed second in the tournament winning \$585 in scholarship money.





Sam Lustig

Lustig Qualifies for State in Diving

Junior Sam Lustig was the only West Allis Wave swimming and diving team member to qualify for state. He finished the season placing 15th at the state meet in the one-meter diving competition.

To qualify for state, Lustig finished third at the Waukesha South sectional. Sophomore **Dale Medved** recorded a top-10 finish in the 100-yard backstroke in the sectional. Additional Hale

students competing at the sectional were **Grant Brown, Devin Deering, Benjamin Heer, Nick Mand,** and **Nathan Pavek**. As a team, the squad finished eighth in the sectionall.

Spring Sports Speaker a Success

Rob Miller from Proactive Coaching was once again on at West Allis Nathan Hale on February 20. This time he spoke to three groups—student-athletes, coaches and parents.

Reaction to Mr. Miller was positive as he spoke as part of the spring sports sign-up night.

More than 150 students and 100 parents attended the session, which was fully funded by the Booster Club. A big thank you goes to the Booster Club for helping to arrange Mr. Miller's presence.

For those parents, student-athletes and

coaches who missed Mr. Miller, the Booster Club is planning on bringing him back for the fall sports season. Check the athletics web site or the Booster Club web site in the coming weeks for more information regarding future presentations by Rob Miller.

March/April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 TRK — practice begins	6 GRBB at Milw. Madison	7	8	9 GRBB at Pius XI	10 BRBB — WIAA Sect.
11	12	13 POMS — Banquet	14 TRK vs Pewaukee (at WAC)	15	16 TRK at WA Central	17 TRK at UW-Parkside
18	19 SFT — practice begins SOC — practice begins TRK at WA Cent. (JV)	20	21	22	23 TRK at WA Central	24
25	26 TNS — practice begins GLF — practice begins TRK vs Greenfield, WA Central (at WAC)	27 BYBB — Banquet	28 SOC vs Tosa East (Fr.) GRBB — Banquet	29 WRST — Banquet	30 TNS vs Pius XI (JV) SOC at N. Berlin West SFT vs Waukesha So.	31 TRK — GMC Ind. (JV)
APR 1	2 TNS vs Pius XI SFT vs Brk. Cent. (Fr.)	3 TNS at Racine Horlick SFT vs Brk. Central SOC vs Brk. Central TRK at GMC Ind. (B)	4 SFT vs DSHA (Fr.) SOC at Brk. East (Fr.) TRK at GMC Ind. (G)	5 SOC vs Pius XI	6	7

KEY: GRBB — Girls' Basketball; GLF — Boys' Golf; SOC — Girls' Soccer; SFT — Softball; TNS — Boys' Tennis; TRK — Track & Field

Schedules subject to change.